Research Council
Agenda September 29, 2023
9:00-10:30 am

In-person: LSL N610 (not yet set up for Hybrid meetings)
Beverages and light breakfast fare available 8:45am

In attendance: Michelle Budig, Jess Dillard-Wright, Sarah Fefer, Lori Goldner, Paul Katz, Leyla Keough, Kevin Kittilstved, Kathryn Lachman, Chris Misra, Melissa Mueller, Jennifer Normanly, Mark Pachucki, Tony Paik, Kalpana Poudel-Tanduka, Peter Reinhart, Mark Tuominen, Dhandapani Venkataraman, Eldra Walker, Loren Walker, Brian Whitcomb, Lisa Wolf

Welcome (Jennifer Normanly AY22-23 Chair of Research Council)

- Approval of minutes from May 19 2023 meeting. Members noted that they did not have access to the MS Teams folder for Research Council and that the Final Report of the Taskforce on Centers and Institutes needed to be appended to the minutes. Minutes approved pending this correction.

Election of 2023-2024 RC & RPC chairs

- RC member Paul Katz presided over the election of the RPC Chair. Brian Shelburne had agreed to be nominated. There were no additional nominations. Brian was elected unanimously.
- RC member Paul Katz presided over the election of the Research Council Chair. Jennifer Normanly agreed to be nominated. There were no additional nominations. Jennifer was elected unanimously.

Overview of Research Council (Jennifer Normanly) PPT Presentation Appended

Center & Institute Reviews (Jennifer Normanly)

Center for Justice, Law & Societies
Focuses on socio-legal scholarship including topics relevant to national security, immigration, war, and policing--Stakeholders on campus come from: Poli Sci, Educ, CICS, Isenberg, Psych & Brain Sci, SPHHS

Center for Racial Justice & Youth-Engaged Research
Focuses on work done at the interface of communities-schools-the university, with a focus on all aspects of education research--Stakeholders on campus come from: Educ, Anthro

These two are due "in the fall semester" to be reviewed in the spring semester (actual due date not specified):

Energy Transition Institute
Focuses on research on energy technologies and social equity, including the equitable attainment of a carbon-neutral future--Stakeholders on campus come from: Earth & Sustainability, Wind Energy Center, Physical Plant

Elaine Marieb Center for Nursing & Engineering
Focuses on scalable solutions to pressing health care delivery problems
Stakeholders on campus come from: Nursing, Engineering

2 more are possible by end of spring semester. Anticipated homes = HFA, SPHHS

RC Goals and Activities Discussion for 2023-2024
Discussion in small groups, report out of possible topics

Community Engaged Research
Research Computing (Funding Model)
Grad Student Funding (1st yr fellowships, summer salary)
Continue Prior Task Force: Academic Freedom (Protection from harassment)
Faculty Recognition (External Awards)
Continue Prior Task Force: Centers and Institutes
Research Scholars Network
Grant-Funded Grad School Tuition

Google Form to follow—members indicate interest in pursuing above topics, Center/Institute Review, RAAB, AI, Research Computing Committee, FRG/PSEG/Armstrong review panel

Short takes, announcements, etc.
STC proposal – Loren Walker provided the following summary and requested that campus personnel involved in supporting the proposal development and submission, the NSF site visit, and award spin up be acknowledged in the minutes for this meeting.

Announcement of Award - Center for Braiding Indigenous Knowledges and Science (CBIKS)
National Science Foundation Science and Technology Center (STC)
https://new.nsf.gov/news/120-million-funding-create-4-new-science-tech-centers
https://www.umass.edu/news/article/umass-amherst-partnering-indigenous-communities-launch-30m-nsf-center-braiding
https://www.umass.edu/gateway/research/indigenous-knowledges

- $30M/5 years (renewable for 5 additional years)
- Largest (federal) grant in UMass Amherst history
- First STC for UMass
- First STC out of the Social and Behavioral Sciences directorate at NSF
- First women-led major federal NSF center at UMass

It was a massive, and sustained, team effort that will bring much needed diversity of expertise, experience, and methods to bear on the interrelated issues of the climate change, food systems, and cultural heritage preservation.

Please join us in congratulating the CBIKS faculty:

- CBIKS faculty named in the STC proposal:
    - Sonya Atalay, PI (Anthropology)
    - Jon Woodruff, Co-PI (Earth, Geographic and Climate Sciences)
    - Rob DeConto (Earth, Geographic and Climate Sciences)
    - Julie Brigham-Grette (Earth, Geographic and Climate Sciences)
    - Laura Valdiviezo, Co-PI (Education)
    - Eduardo Suarez (Education)
    - Other UMass Faculty named in CBIKS
        - Banu Subramaniam (WOST)

- Stewart Haeden (Anthropology)

NOTABLE STATS about CBIKS:

- 57 Indigenous communities
- Eight international "hubs" in the U.S., Canada, Aotearoa New Zealand and Australia.
- 50 scientists
- 40 partner organizations are:
    - 29 universities,
    - two tribal colleges,
    - five NGOs,
    - two national museums. and
    - two industry partners.

And THANK YOU to all the campus personnel involved with supporting the proposal development and submission, the NSF site visit, and award spin up, including:

- Research & Engagement:
    - Office of Research Development (Mary Fechner, Mary Green, Loren Walker)
    - Office of Project Management and Training (Ian Raphael)
    - Office of Pre-Award Services (Kristy Reese and the OPAS team)
    - Office of Post-Award Management (Alene Denson and the OPAM team)
    - Technology Transfer Office (Burnley Jaklevic)
    - R&E leadership (Mike Malone, Laura Vandenberg, Jen Donais)
- University Relations/MarComm
    - Ed Blaguszewski
    - Key Nuttall
    - Lauren Rubenstein
    - Efi Georgiou
    - Jordan Prickett
    - Olga Kyle
- University Relations/Event Coordination
    - Nancy Buffone
    - Marzena Burnham
    - Heidi Edwards
    - Rebecca White
- UMass faculty "Red Team" reviewers:
    - Jim Kurose (CICS)
    - Mike Malone (R&E)
    - Laurel Smith-Doerr (SBS/ISSR)
    - Mark Tuominen (CNS)
    - Fran Berman (CICS)
    - Jennifer Lundquist (SBS)
    - Lorraine Cordeiro (CRF)
    - Piper Gaubatz (EGCS)
- SBS/Anthropology
    - Abigail Thomsen
    - Beverley Morrison
    - Karl Reythemeyer

Meeting Adjourned at approximately 10:30